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- X Response Transmittal
- X Response
- X Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 Antedating a Reference
- X Copy of letter dated September 21, 1999

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**


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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO SECURE DATA TRANSFER FROM MEDICAL DEVICE SYSTEMS

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that this Amendment and Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein are being sent to telefacsimile No. (703) 872 9308, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.

  
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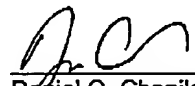
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the one-month extension fee.
- X Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.
- X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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FROM MEDICAL DEVICE SYSTEMS**OFFICIAL****RESPONSE**Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2004, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 25, 2004. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.